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Applicant : Mark A. Leach  
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**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)  
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2), applicants hereby petition to withdraw the above-identified patent application from issue to permit consideration of a submission pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 also is enclosed, along with an Information Disclosure Statement. The Director is hereby authorized to charge \$525.00, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-5029 to cover the fees for a small entity for the Petition (\$130) and the RCE (\$395).

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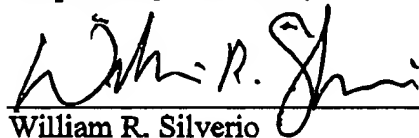
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**Remarks**

Applicants, after payment of the issue fee, have identified certain publications of possible materiality to patentability of one or more of the allowed claims that were not cited by or to the Examiner during prosecution of the present application. Accordingly, applicants now submit a Request for Continued Examination with an Information Disclosure Statement in order to have these newly identified publications considered by the Examiner.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Petition is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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